

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please **CANCEL** claims 1 – 5.

Please **ADD** claims 6 – 14.

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 – 5. (Canceled).

6. (New) A bicycle tube tire comprising:

a tubular casing arrangable in an annular form,

a rubber tread,

an air sealing element, and

a webbing composed of a contracting material structured and arranged to contract when dampened, with one of water and an aqueous solution, and subsequently dried.

7. (New) The bicycle tube tire according to claim 6, wherein the webbing further includes a fabric comprising reinforcement carriers extending at least in a circumferential direction of the tire.

8. (New) The bicycle tube tire according to claim 6, wherein the webbing further includes reinforcement carriers made of the contracting material in a circumferential direction of the tire and in an axial direction of the tire.
9. (New) The bicycle tube tire according to claim 6, wherein the webbing further includes reinforcement carriers made of the contracting material in a circumferential direction of the tire and reinforcement carriers made of one of cotton, polyester and polyamide in an axial direction of the tire.
10. (New) The bicycle tube tire according to claim 6, wherein the contracting material is a polyvinyl alcohol.
11. (New) The bicycle tube tire according to claim 6, wherein the webbing is vulcanized onto the casing by a vulcanizable coating.
12. (New) A method of forming a bicycle tube tire, comprising:
 - closing a casing in an annular manner around an air sealing element at a seam, wherein a rubber tread is coupled to the casing, and
 - covering the seam with a webbing composed of a contracting material that contracts when dampened, with one of water and an aqueous solution, and subsequently dried.
13. (New) The method according to claim 12 further comprising:
 - dampening the webbing, and

positioning the casing and the air sealing element on a rim.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13 further comprising:
- at least partially inflating the air sealing element, and
 - repositioning the air sealing element and the casing on the rim.